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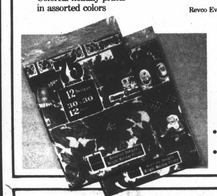

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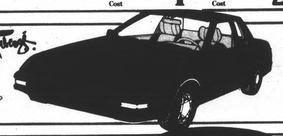

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Quality of life said to be greatest asset here

Appomattox County has changed a great deal since it was founded in 1845. Today's thirving community bears little resemblance to the pastoral crossroads which students of American history in their textbooks.

But much of the charm of that rural hamlet remains in the county and that charm combined with the progress which Appomattox has seen in recent years are what many people here feel is the greatest strength of the county for the future.

A. R. "Sunny" Harwood, who has been in business at Appomattox Hardware for almost fifty years, has seen the county evolve from the days of horse-drawn transportation to the modern town of 1983.

"I'd have to say that the coming of power equipment and rural electrification were two major turning points in the history of the county," notes Harwood. "And in recent years, Triangle Plaza Shopping Center and Armstrong furniture plant have had a great impact on our economy."

"The shopping center gave people more choice when they wanted to go shopping," Harwood adds. "And of course, Armstrong meant more jobs for the people and more money for the community."

Harwood feels steady employment is the most important requisite if the county is to remain thriving and economically healthy. "The town has adequate banking facilities and a good selection of retail merchants," he notes. "If we can continue at a steady employment rate, I think the county will see good progress in the future."

Gerald Wilburn, who started in the grocery business with his father 22 years ago, says he has seen 'A lot of economic growth in the county since I've been in business."

Wilburn says "there are more reasons for people, particularly young people, to stay in the county. The industries, such as Armstrong, and the garment factories, have provided more jobs and increased people's spending power."

"Our business has improved every year, and I feel like it's due to the fact that Appomattox is a growing community," Wilbun says.

While the county has grown steadily in recent years, it has not progressed without growing pains. Ben Marshall who opened his Main Street Department Store in 1955, notes that "our growth as a community has been dramatic, especially in recent years. The shopping center, for example, has helped the county as a whole by increasing volume."

However, Marshall adds, "things aren't all rosy. We need to critique the past 30 years, and prehaps plan now for the future."

Marshall feels that the downtown shopping area in particular, needs to be examined. "There is a need for help (downtown)," Marshall notes. "but with the help sould come from a stimulus within the merchants. That is what would create economic growth."

Lloyd Vaughan, the president of the Appomattox County Chamber of Commerce, notes that he feels the county's growth and progress "have been steady since I came here 21 years ago" after purchasing the Times-Virginian newspaper.

Vaughan, who now owns and operates Appomatox Office Supply, points out that "the quality of life here is good. How many counties this size have the number of professionals -- doctors, lawyers, for example that we have?"

Growth in the retail segment of the local economy has resulted in more choice for local consumers, Vaughan notes, and the increased choice means more incentive for residents to spend their money in the county.

"One thing I would like to see in the future is more employment, more jobs especially for young people, possibly through new small industries in the area," Vaughan adds.

Jim Nolen, former Chamber of Commerce president and local realtor, says that the local economy has picked up, particularly in recent months.

"Our sales have increased two and a half times compared with last year" Nolen says. "And our sales pending are triple what they were a year ago at this time," he adds.

"I'd like to see interest rates go down more, so homes would be affordable to more people," Nolen says. "But there's no doubt that things have picked up.

Local contractor Bill Jamerson, commenting on the future, notes that "the best thing we can do, as far as our county is concerned is to continue to emphasize that this is a fine place to live."

Jamerson points out that the county has a reasonable tax rate, good schools, and a good variety of goods and services available to its residents. "If we emphasize that Appomattox County is a good place to call home, then the growth, in population and in the business community, will come of its own right," Jamerson concludes.

And, as Nolen points out, the people he deals with on a daily basis are an excellent sounding board for the validity of the assumption that the quality of life is good in Appomatox County.

"In the real estate business, you see the community through the eyes of outsiders who are thinking of making this their home," Nolen says.

"And time and time again, this has made me realize that Appomattox County is indeed an exceptionally nice community, a nice place to live."

MARGARET GLOVER, (right) of the Appomattox County Farm Bureau women's committee congratulates (from left) Cheryl Wooten, Jennifer Coleman, Anne Paige Nolen, Sheri Williams and Beth Carter, who participated in the 1983 "Make It Yourself With Wool" program Dec. 3 at Naturai Bridge. Miss Coleman placed third in a group of 25 contestants in the Junior Division. Miss Carter placed fourth in the Pre-Teen Division, and Miss Williams placed seventh in the same division, which had 32 contestants. The trip was sponsored by the Women's Committee of the Farm Bureau, and donations to the program were made by Stitch-N-Station, Farmers National Bank and Burger King. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

Wool contestants

Park to be dressed up for holiday

Appomattox Court House National Historical Park will again be specially decorated for Christmas.

The historic village where the tragic Civil War was reduced to a "gentleman's peace" will be decorated and lighted as if it were 1865, from Dec. 17 until the end of the year.

In addition to a single "candle" in each window, there will be holly, pine and magnolia wreaths, garlands and ribbons, citrus "trees" and Christmas trees decorated in the 19th-century manner.

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This year, thanks to the assistance of various area groups and merchants, there will be more decorations and more areas decorated than in past years.

Any time is a good time to visit Appomattox Court House, but at Christmas the park is especially beautiful. During this season of peace and good will, plan to visit the spot where peace was restored and our nation reunited.

Lawson resigns seat

At the Monday night meeting of the Appomattox Town Council, Thomas W. Lawson, member, submitted his resignation in order to begin his duties on January 1 as Appomattox County Commonwealth Attorney.

"You have worked well with the council, with me and with the people of Appomattox," commented Mayor Ronald C. Spiggle. "You have done your job well and with a sense of pride. We will miss you and we wish you well in your new endeavor," he added.

Lawson, elected to his new position in the Nov. 8 election said, "I've enjoyed my work with council. It's not the most important job in the world, but it has been a pleasure. I believbe we are a lucky council. We can come to a meeting, even disagree and still leave friends. Not all council are that fortunate," he added.

In business council accepted the proposed budget of $340,253 for regular expenditures and $300,900 for Sewer Project.

Walton cites cooperation as key to educational quality here

The Appomattox School Division is delivering an educational program of high quality to all students according to a report by Lloyd Walton, superintendent of the Appomattox County Schools at Friday's meeting of the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors.

"I am pleased with the way principals and teachers have worked together cooperatively, professionally and skillfully in each of the schools," said Walton. "Parental support and involvement were good in all schools," he added.

Standardized test scores indicated that students continued to show progress in math, language, social studies, and science. Because reading scores are not at the level desired, greater emphasis will be given in this area next year.

"Student attendance is good," said Walton. "Approximately 94 percent for the county.

Minimum competency tests administered to tenth grade students in March of this year showed 95.8 percent passing in both reading and math tests; 98.3 passing reading and 99.0 percent passing mathmetics.

Literary funds were obtained at three percent interest for renovation of school buildings as follows: Appomattox Primary School, 255,911.00; Appomattox EDlementary School, 380,700.00; Appomattox Middle School (Old Auditorium) 247,443.00 and Appomattox Middle School, Phase II 60,000.00 for a total of $944,054.00. Other renovation included Appomattox Middle School Phase I 60,000.00 local funds and Appomattox Middle School Phase II 65,645 .00 Federal Grant.

"As a result of the renovation on the schools we have comfortable, attractive facilities, a sizable reduction in energy and an extended life of the buildings," commented Walton.

In other business the board voted to request state recreational access money for improvement of three roads leading to Holiday Lake. T. E. Pittman, resident engineer for the Virginia Department of Highways estimated the resurfacing of roads 626,640, and 692 from route 24 would be approximately $139,000.

According to Virginia Babcock, director of Appomattox County Department of Social Services, approximately 400 applications for fuel assistance have been received so far. Most of the applications wil be taken by the end of December.

In another matter, Babcock noted that Appomattox County may be eligible for money for a 'Head Start' Program. Approximately $1 million will be allocated to the State of Virginia for the program which is aimed at getting three and four year olds ready for school experiences.

"The program is federally funded," added Babcock. "I have spoken to several professors and they have been very supportive of such a program.

The program would be offered through the Lynchburg Community Action Group.

Rabies clinics scheduled

Rabies vaccination clinics sponsored by the Appomatox Animal Hospital will be held today (Wednesday) and on Jan. 24, according to Dr. W. M. Burger, Jr., D.V.M.

The clinic will be held today, (Wednesday) from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Appomattox Animal Hospital on Route 460.

Clinics will be held at three locations on Jan. 24, according to Burger. From 11 a.m. to noon, shots will be available at the Appomattox Animal Hospital on Route 460. From 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., shots will be available at the Pamplin Fire House in Pamplin. From 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., shots will be available at Jimmy's Grocery at Red House.

Burger notes that state law requires certificate of vaccination before a dog license may be purchased. Certificate information needed on the day of vaccination includes the owner's name and address, the dog's name, sex, age, breed and color. The deadline for dog licenses is Feb. 1, 1984. Vaccination fee is $4 per dog.

Anyone who is unable to bring his or her dog or cat to any of these clinics is reminded that the Appomattox Animal Hospital clinic is open from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Mondays.

Spirit of Christmas evident in Appomattox

The spirit of Christmas was evident on Main Street, Appomattox this week as boxes of food were prepared for distribution to the needy by Christmas Mother Mildred Elliott and Jenny Fratrick, volunteer services coordinator for the county.

The boxes, which consist of enough food to last a family of four for two days, will be distributed throughout this week and up to Christmas, as supply allows.

The food was purchased with money from donations made by various civic clubs, churches, and individuals. And, some of the food was donated. For example, a church gave 120 canned hams to the Christmas Mother program for distribution, and the Future Farmers of America donated several boxes of citrus fruit for distribution.

"We will prepare and distribute at least 140 boxes of food before the program is over," says Mrs. Fratrick. She notes that in the past four years, during which time the Christmas Mother has handled the emergency box distribution, the program has grown from approximately 60 boxes distributed to more than 140.

The boxes are distributed to elderly persons, handicapped persons, and needy persons who meet criteria established by the Appomattox County Department of Social Services. Mrs. Fratrick notes that potential recipients of the food boxes are screened by the department of social services to ensure that they meet the criteria.

In addition to food, clothing and toys are available to the county's needy through the volunteer services' "clothes closet," which is located in the rear portion of the old county jail in the county courthouse complex. The clothes closet is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday of each week, according to Mrs. Fratrick.

"We have received a tremendous amount in contributions from area church groups and civic organizations," notes Mrs. Elliott, who has served as Appomattox County's Christmas Mother the past two years. "We're still accepting donations, and will prepare emergency boxes as well as we can up to Christmas," she adds.

Mrs. Elliott estimates that the value of the food which is being distributed through the program this year is in excess of $2,000. And, in addition to the emergency boxes being distributed by the Christmas Mother, there is help being rendered to the needy in the area by school clubs and other groups.

JENNY FRATRICK, left, Coordinator of Volunteer Services for Appomattox County, Nellie Morgan, Mildred Elliott, 1983 Christmas Mother for Appomattox County and Frances Abbitt pack boxes for needy families in the county. The Christmas Mother program is part of the Volunteer Services branch of the Appomattox County Department of Social Services.

Father Darkleaf

By CALVIN ROBINSON

Greetings, as the Christmas count down gets more exciting by the hour. Nearer by the week, then by the day and hour. Holiday street decorations and a big Merry Christmas banner adorn Main Street, and now the home decorations are in place. Christmas trees on sale locally and business places seem pleased with the way seasonal merchandise is moving. Novel idea: one of the lobby doors at our post office is made up to look like a Christmas letter. Many of us look forward to the notes attached to greeting cards for news from old friends. One of our first was from the Schraeders, Texas City, Texas. And then came the annual news letter from the George L. Koos family in Tangent, Oregon with such an interesting report on the varied activities of the large group. Mrs. Koos is the former Virginia Christian, of Appomattox.

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Basketball news: Appomattox 66, William Campbell 47. Football news: Redskins wallop the Cowboys with so very many looking on.

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Notepad item. Many years ago I attended a stage show. A successful comedy. But the thing I remember is that before the curtain went up, a man dressed in street attire, calmly walked across the front of the stage, carrying a straight chair and a newspaper. He placed his chair just above the footlights, opened his paper and just sat there reading his paper, undisturbed, during the entire show. Scale of 1 to 10, gave him an eight.

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A friend phoned in to suggest that a vote of thanks be accorded Herman Carter for the excellent way he keeps up the appearance of Liberty Cemetery. So happened I had driven there and had the same comment. Lots of work, but Herman gets it done.

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Same friend called attention to the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Guill, Court Street, Appomattox. Congratulations.

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Darkfired tobacco markets are open and the offerings are said to be better quality than expected after the dry season. Markets in Blackstone, Farmville, Lynchburg attract local growers.

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Appomattox High School Band was awarded third place in the Farmville Christmas Parade, among many area bands. Randolph-Henry No. 1 and Bluestone H.S. No. 2.

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Question: Any mistletoe this year? Has been on the decline in recent years but formerly highly prized.

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Did a supply of four leaf clovers help Univ. of Virginia sports teams in recent years? A feature article in one of our state papers recently told about them. Ah yes, when I was in the seventh grade at Oak Park school in Madison County, Mary Lacy was a star student. Oak Park is near Uno. Mary went on to college, became principal of her old school and had a highly successful career. As a hobby she rounded up four leaf clovers and sent them to Virginia teams. Alas, Mary died recently. Her younger sister, Charlotte carried on the tradition. Strolling down Memory Lane, I recall the day the entire student body played hookey and had a picnic.

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Letter to Santa Claus? You betcha, and wishing you the best. Thanks for reading and seeya around.

Lions to meet

The Appomattox Lions Club will meet on Thursday evening, Dec. 15 at the Country Fare Restaurant at 6:45.

Earnest Edwards, Director of Virginia Speech and Hearing Center will be guest speaker.

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